

HOLLAND WILL HAVE 1,300,000 MEN FOR DEFENCE OF NATION

(By Associated Press.)

THE HAGUE, June 3.—An army of 1,300,000 men as Holland's military strength in any future European struggle is the preparedness program of the "Volksweerbareid" or national defense association, which enjoys a state subsidy and had 140 branches and nearly 14,000 members.

Under this program every able-bodied man and woman would be enlisted for the country's defense; there would be universal service instead of the limited compulsory system which now obtains. The association is convinced that "freedom and independence can be assured only when all who are able, conscious of their duty, prepare themselves in service in the country's defense forces, with a view, in case of necessity, to being able to defend those most sacred possessions of the nation."

Only a few of the large levies thus obtained would suffice to form the field army. Thence the men would pass out into the "local troops"—territorial defense forces. These later would be so organized that, together with the strong localized frontier and coast guards, they could be ready to take the field in a few hours.

While the "local troops" would, in the first place, serve for defense, the field army would be destined for offensive operations. The two together would form a force of about 800,000 men fully trained, while there would still be a reserve in the depots of more

than 500,000 men, making up the total of 1,300,000 mentioned.

Summarized, this new national army would be constituted as follows: frontier and coastal troops, 134,000 men; field army, 107,000; position troops, 15,500; marine, 5,000; local troops, 534,500; total, 796,500 men.

Reserve: Local reserve, first ban, 400,000 men; second ban, 170,000 men; total, 570,000 men.

With such an army, which is represented as quite feasible, the old axiomatic principle of retiring behind the famous Dutch "water line" might be abandoned and positions taken up immediately behind the frontiers, the association points out.

INSURES COMPANIES PAY WAR DEATH CLAIMS

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, June 3.—About \$35,000,000 has been paid out in war death claims to relatives of British soldiers by the British, Colonial and American life insurance companies since the outbreak of the war. The war has so far virtually doubled the normal ratio of increase in death claims.

Down in Alabama they don't give Hobson much choice. He is merely given his choice between defeat or a worse one.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

PLUNDER FROM APPAM SHOWN IN HAMBURG

GOLD BOOTY FROM THE COMMERCE RAIDER PLACED ON EXHIBITION

(By Associated Press.)

AMSTERDAM, June 3.—One of the features of the German war exhibition held in Hamburg late in May was an exhibit called "The Gold Booty from the Moewe," the German commerce raider. Three of the fourteen original cases in which the gold which was taken from the British steamship Appam was packed were displayed, the cases being filled with imitation gold bars.

WHO KNOWS HIM?

W. B. Evans, chief of police, has received an inquiry from Mrs. Johanna Krueger, 800 East 173d street, New York City, asking for information of Frank Krueger, who was born in the city of Ratzibuh, in the province of Pom. Germany. Twenty-one years ago he left New York to attend the Chicago exposition and has not been heard from since. He is sole heir to his father's estate worth several thousand dollars. Further information may be had from the police office.

No definite date is mentioned for beginning the big drive in France. Evidently the allies do not believe it pays to advertise.—Toledo Blade.

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